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Divisional Inspectors of Schools and their duties.

* 90 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Divisional Inspectors of Schools are there for the Presidency and which are their headquarters;

(*b*) what the duties of these Divisional Inspectors are;

(*c*) what the total expenditure incurred by the Government from the year 1937 to 1938 was for their salaries, touring expenses and their office establishments; and

(*d*) whether there is any proposal to abolish these posts?

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" (*a*) There are four Divisional Inspectors of Schools, two with headquarters at Madras, one at Guntur and the other at Coimbatore.

" (*b*) The duties of the Divisional Inspectors are mainly to keep a strict control over the manner in which public funds are expended on education to prevent wasteful expenditure on ineffective and inefficient schools and to supervise the work of District Educational Officers and their subordinate staff. They also exercise the powers delegated to them by the Director of Public Instruction and perform such other duties as are assigned to them.

" (*c*) The information has been called for.

" (*d*) No such proposal is under consideration now."

KHAN BAHADUR T. M. MOIDU SAHIB BAHADUR:—" May I know with regard to these officers who have been appointed till now, whether the Government think it beneficial? "

THE HON. DR. P. SUBBARAYAN:—" If the hon. Member will put down the question separately, he will get the suitable answer."

Investment of provident fund amounts of school teachers in Government securities and Land Mortgage Bank debentures.

* 91 *Q.*—SRI P. VEERABHADRASWAMI: Will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Legal Departments be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received representations from the teachers' associations of private managed schools to permit the teachers (1) to have their provident fund amounts invested in Government securities and Land Mortgage Bank debentures instead of in Post Office Savings Banks; (2) to permit them to pay insurance premia from out of the provident fund amounts as employees in local bodies are permitted; and

(*b*) what action the Government propose to take on these representations?